

THE CHILDREN'S STORY TELLING CLUB

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Dear little folks: Isn't it nice to know that spring is here again? Just hear those little birds sing! And step out of doors and notice how good the air smells! Don't you enjoy it? I do—ESPECIALLY since I've been so sick with the measles. Yes, really, dears, I've had the measles; and I was dreadful, dreadful sick, and I looked dreadful, dreadful bad, but I'm getting better now.

By the way, I want to tell you that our "Missing Word Contest" is growing, and Growing, and GROWING—My! how it is growing. And here is something else I want to tell you: Some of you little folks FORGOT to send me your address, and I can't send you a membership card until you send me your address. Also—I've got something splendid to tell you about some NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS, directly after our "Missing Word Contest" closes. And REMEMBER, the "Missing Word Contest" closes promptly on the fifteenth of March, so be sure and get your list of missing words in before then.

Now, we will have our letters. Our first letter is from a kind lady who contributes a story of her own childhood days for our entertainment. She says:

Dear Children: As I have been reading such splendid letters in this issue of my home town paper, I thought of my own vacation when I was a little girl 11 years old. (By the kind permission of the editor) I will tell you the story, for it would be of great pleasure to me to see it in print. And of some interest, I hope, to others. Well, once upon a time a good many years ago, there used to be hops raised which were ready to pick in the fall of the year (In September, I think it was). A man came from Oxford, Michigan with a four horse team and a large hay rack, spread with clean, soft hay for us girls to sit on—and boys, too, for there were several in the party hired to pull the hop poles for the girls to pick the hops. There were eighteen or twenty of us in our load. And such fun as we had riding along—it was something great. The weather was fine and us girls picked hops bareheaded most of the time. My auburn or nut-brown locks were as red as a fox's tail, as mother said, and my cheeks were as flaming red poppies; for it is healthy work out in the fresh sweet air and God's sunshine. And then moonlight nights we could go out for a lark hunting for watermelons. I only went once. For as I went in the care of a maiden aunt (mother's oldest sister) she looked after me.

There were several of us down on the bridge about forty rods from our boarding house. I remember, of us young people—I, the youngest in the bunch. The boys had just got back with the melons, and some of them were hop-skip and jumping (for that was a game for boys forty years ago) and the girls were laughing and eating melons and having a good time—when, lo and behold! who should be coming down the road but Aunt Theresa, like a ghost, calling my name (Frances) at the top of her lungs, saying, when she got within speaking distance, it was time I was in bed or I would be sick and have to go home. You can imagine my feelings better than I can write them. But nevertheless, I did some hop-skip-ping, for I knew she meant it, and I had promised my mother to mind her or I couldn't go a-hop picking; and I did enjoy it so much, besides earning

my first five dollars, of which I felt very proud. I hope this isn't too long a story.

P. S. I forgot to mention that we went from the little town of Marthon, the place where I was born, in LaPeere County, Michigan.

By Frances Alice Brant—nee French.

Thank you, dear friend, for your words of appreciation, and for a very interesting vacation story. I am sure the kiddies will enjoy it—as I have.—(The Editor.)

Our next letter is from Gladys Reese, Missaukee, Mich.

Dear Editor:—I am a little girl six years old and I am in the first grade at school. My teacher's name is Miss Sampson. I have a pet hen and I call her Patsy. I would like to join the club. I like to read the letters, too. Well, I must close, so good-bye, from your little friend, Gladys Reese.

Gladys, I was very glad to receive such a cute little letter. I think I sent you a membership card, but if you have not received one, let me know, and I will send you another.

Our next letter is from Helen Perry, Saugatuck, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I am a reader of the Children's Story Telling Club. I am very much interested. I am a little girl ten years old; I will be eleven this month. I have a brother, he is seven. His name is Claude. I am in the fifth grade. I go to school every day. I have four pets. I have two dogs, one cat and a billy goat. We have an auto and take many nice trips in the summer. I have just been reading the new contest. I am going to try to put in the missing words as follows: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Egg; 4, Roof; 5, Head; 6, Lay; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cluck; 10, Hair; 11, Happy; 12, Peck. Yours lovingly, Helen Perry.

I am glad you are interested in our club, Helen; I hope you will always be interested. Your letter was very nice. Write again.

Our next letter is from Konklin, Michigan; but as there is no name to it, I do not know who it is from.

Dear Editor:—I have never written to the Children's Story Telling Club before, but I thought I would to this contest. 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Red; 4, Bottom; 5, Legs; 6, Lay; 7, Said; 8, Have; 9, Peck; 10, Head; 11, Different; 12, Pull.

Now, little friends, who wrote this letter? I cannot send a membership card to the writer of this letter because I do not know who to send it to.

Our next letter is from a little Rockford girl.

Dear Editor:—I am eleven years old and in the seventh grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Lura Benedict. I would like to join your club. I saw your Missing Word Contest and I shall try to answer it. 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Small; 4, Board; 5, Legs; 6, Hatch; 7, Said; 8, Have; 9, Peck; 10, Head; 11, Distressed; 12, Fixed. Please send me a membership card. Yours truly, Lillian Rector, Rockford, Michigan.

I have sent you a card, Lillian, and am very glad to welcome you to our club. Prizes in the Missing Word Contest will be sent after the fifteenth of March.

Our next letter is from a little girl living at Henry, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I am a little girl seven years old, and in the second grade. My teacher's name is Miss Polien Smith, of Minister. I like her

very much. We have twelve children here in our school, and I have three brothers. Their names are Frankie, Kenneth and Gordon. Frankie is five years old; he has white hair and blue eyes, and Kenneth is three years old in June, the twenty-second. He has white hair and blue eyes, and Gordon he is a baby eleven months' old the twentieth of this month. He has brown hair and brown eyes, the same as I have. Next Tuesday I will be seven years old. I have one big cat; its name is Tip. Well, if I see this letter in print I will write again. Good-bye, from Ada Bell Newell.

Ada, dear, I have your list of Missing Words all marked down, and you will receive a prize—Let me see, I guess it will be some time in April, for I have so many prizes to get ready that it will take me that long to get them all fixed up. I am glad to print your nice letter and hope you will write again.

Our next letter is from Cleone Bliss of Coopersville, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I am sending you the Missing Words for the contest. Well, I don't know whether they are all right or not, but hope they are nearly right. I was nine years old this last January. I am in the fourth grade. I like to go to school and I like my teacher. Her name is Miss Easton. I have two brothers: Basil and Robert. This will be all, Cleone Bliss. Missing Words: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Brown; 4, Board; 5, Feet; 6, Show; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cry; 10, Head; 11, Thoughtful; 12, Comb.

Cleone, your list of Missing Words was very nicely written, and you are sure to get a prize some time in April. Write again. Our next letter is from a little girl of Alto.

Dear Editor:—I have read your stories in our paper. I am twelve years old and will be thirteen the seventeenth of July. I go to school every day and I am in the sixth grade. I have no sisters or brothers. I have a lot of pets. I will name them if you like. I have a pet horse and her name is Nellie and I ride horseback on her. I have about twenty rabbits or more, little ones and big ones, and I have a pet cat and his name is Jerry, he is yellow and white. The names for the words in the verse are: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Feather; 4, Wall; 5, Feet; 6, Lay; 7, I want to lay an egg; 8, Lay in your nest; 9, No; 10, Head; 11, Brown; 12, Pull. I hope I will see my story in print next week or later. Yours truly, Esther Wingelin, Alto, Michigan.

P. S. I would like to have you send me a membership card, if you please.

Esther, I am very glad to send you a membership card and am also glad to print your letter in the club. I hope you will send other letters and may be a story now and then.

Our next letter is from Anna Ruth Ryan of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Dear Editor:—Enclosed you will find the Missing Words from the Missing Word Contest: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Small; 4, Shutters; 5, Legs; 6, Hide; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cry; 10, Head; 11, Wistful; 12, Pull. I guess I must close. From Anna Ruth Ryan.

Thank you, Anna, for a very nicely written list. I think you have written for our club before; have you not? Our next letter is from a Riverdale girl.

Dear Editor:—The following is my list of the twelve Missing Words in the guessing contest of the Children's Story Telling Club in the "Isabella County Courier." 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Small; 4, Ruins; 5, Legs; 6, Hatch; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Look; 10, Head; 11, Frightened; 12, Comb. My choice of the prizes offered is a story book. Hoping that my guesses are correct and that I will receive one of the prizes, I am yours truly, Ruth Williams, Riverdale, Mich.

Every boy and girl that takes part in the Missing Word Contest wins a

prize, Ruth, so you will be sure to win one. I am glad you are taking part. Our next letter is from Norma Dine, of Marion, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—May I join the "Children's Story Telling Club?" I have read the letters quite a little and find them very interesting. I am a girl eleven years old and go to school almost every day. I am in the sixth grade. My studies are: Arithmetic, Reading, Grammar, Spelling, Geography, Physiology and Penmanship. I do not like school at all but I am not going to stop when I get through the eighth grade. My teacher's name is Glennie R. Erving. She has taught three years, counting this one. I have the dearest little baby brother in this wide world, I do believe. I would not part with him for anything. Well, I think I must close for this time, hoping to see my letter in print. Yours truly, Norma Dine.

Norma, you are a smart and plucky girl to make up your mind to get an education EVEN though you don't like school. You are sure to grow into a splendid woman, dear. Write again. Our next letter is from Vena Mumford.

Dear Editor:—I would very much like to join the Children's Story Telling Club. I read the stories and letters every week. I am a little girl nine years old. I have to walk a mile and a half to school, and I am in the fifth grade. Our teacher's name is Miss Wing. I like her very much. I have three sisters and one brother. My youngest sisters are twins. My sisters' names are Arvilla, Ivis and Iris, and my brother's name is Charles. We have two pet cats; their names are Nige and Tige. Vena Mumford, Marion, Michigan.

Vena, dear, I liked your letter and I am very glad to have you join our club. Write as often as you like. I think we can squeeze in one more letter and then I must close, although there are stacks and STACKS of letters waiting for publication. I expect we have about a hundred, so you see, dears, you will have to have lots of patience. Our last letter for this week is from Eleanor Tait, of Newaygo, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I am a constant reader of your page and I saw the contest you have in, so I am going to try and get one of the prizes. I am twelve years old and am in the fifth grade. Here are my answers: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Curly; 4, Back; 5, Legs; 6, Lay; 7, Said; 8, In; 9, Cry; 10, Head; 11, Different; 12, Pull. I hope these are the missing words. Your constant reader, Eleanor Tait.

Eleanor, I am glad you enjoy our page and am glad you are taking part in our contest. We will have great fun, I think. Write again. And now good-bye, little folks, until next week.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

One pint of granulated sugar equals one pound.

One pint of brown sugar equals 13 ounces.

One pint of maple sugar equals 17 ounces.

One pint of wheat flour equals eight ounces.

One pint of cornmeal equals 10 ounces.

One pint of soft butter equals one pound.

One pint of grated bread crumbs equals nine ounces.

One pint of seeded raisins equals nine ounces.

One pint of dried currants equals 10 ounces.

One ounce of granulated sugar equals two level teaspoonsfuls.

To Drive Nails.

Dip them in soft soap and they may be easily driven in hard wood.

OUR FASHION DEPARTMENT

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RECIPES

AND

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

OUR LADY READERS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DEPARTMENT. ADDRESS, UNITED WEEKLIES EDITOR, CAMPAU BLDG., GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.



Escalloped Beefsteak.

Select tender steak, not too thick; wipe and cut in several pieces, put a layer in a baking dish and dredge with flour and a little salt and pepper, then another layer and so on until all is used; pour on enough milk and water to cover, add a few lumps of butter, put in oven and cook until steak is tender and nicely brown. Do not let it get dry. Just before serving, grate cream cheese over top and let it remain in the oven until the cheese is melted. Serve at once.

Whole Wheat Gems.

Mix two cupfuls of whole wheat flour, half a teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of sugar. Stir into a cupful of sweet milk the beaten yolk of two eggs and a cupful of water. Add these to the flour, stirring all together. Beat the whites of two eggs until they are stiff and add to the batter. Drop into very hot gem pans which have been well greased and bake for thirty minutes.

Rye Gems.

Sift together three-quarters of a cupful of rye flour with a quarter of a cupful of wheat flour and a salt-spoonful of salt. Beat the yolks of two eggs. Add to them a cupful of milk and a tablespoonful of sugar. Stir this with the flour and turn in the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Bake in cups or iron gem pans. These proportions are for six gems.

Potato Eggs.

Two cupfuls of mashed potatoes, one egg well beaten, add to the potatoes, add also a little finely minced

onion. Shape like eggs and bake in the oven about fifteen minutes. Garnish with parsley.

Fruit Gelatin.

Soak and dissolve the gelatin in the usual way. Arrange malaga grapes, halves of English walnuts and stoned dates in the bottom of a mold. Flavor the gelatin with orange or lemon juice. Then pour it into the mold, stirring the fruit around a little to distribute it. Stand in a cold place to cool and serve with sweetened whipped cream.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

How to Tell Fresh Eggs.

Eggs are not fit for any purpose unless they are perfectly fresh. An easy method of ascertaining the freshness of an egg is to hold it toward the sun or toward a good light. If fresh it will be perfectly clear; if it is clear on one side and cloudy on the other, it is stale. Another good test is to place eggs in a pan filled with water; those that sink to the bottom are perfectly fresh; if they float at the top or stand on one end, they are unfit for use.

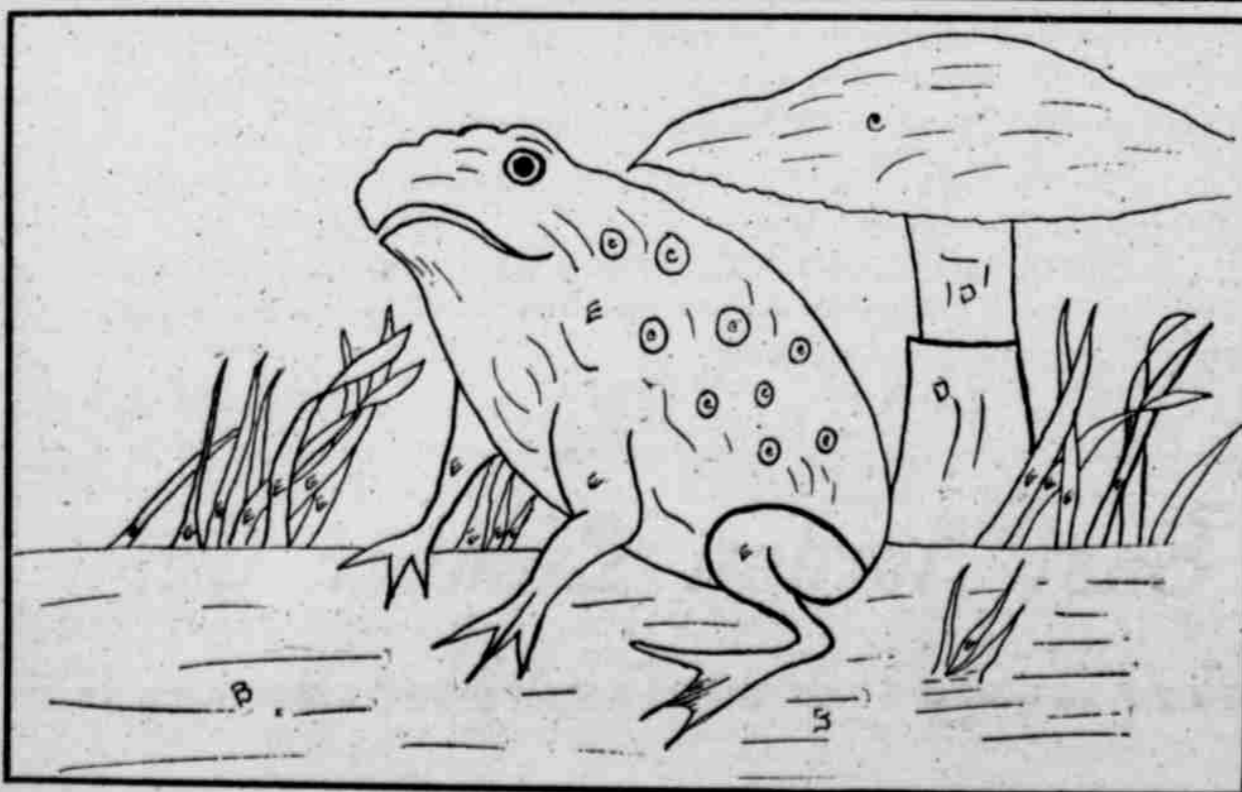
To Remove Bruises from Furniture.

Wet the bruised spot with warm water. Soak a piece of brown paper of several thicknesses in warm water, and lay over the place. Then apply a warm flat iron until the moisture is gone. Repeat the process if needful and the bruise will disappear.

To Keep Flies Off Gilt Frames.

Boil three or four onions in a flat of water and apply with a soft brush.

BOYS AND GIRLS DRAWING CLUB



INSTRUCTIONS

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Cut out the outline drawing and place on a regular drawing table, fastening the paper by inserting thumb tacks at each corner. If you have not a drawing table the design may be fastened to a large pasteboard, or soft, smooth-board. Water colors, or crayons may be used for the work. Each section you will note is marked with a letter from the alphabet. Now begin with letter A, all sections marked A, color red; B, blue; C, brown; D, yellow; E, green; F, black.

The drawings, when completed, may be pasted on pasteboard, or in a scrap book for keeping. Parents should encourage and help their children to start. The little one will find pleasure and enjoyment in coloring the drawings. It is a good pastime, and educates the child. The Editor of the department invites correspondence and will gladly answer questions on drawing, review work and offer suggestions when stamp is enclosed for a reply.